Benjamin Banneker had one point and one point only and that is to put an end to slavery. In a letter he to Thomas Jefferson he was able to relate the slavery under Britain’s Crown to the slavery of his brethren’s. Using rhetorical analysis he was able to support his comparisons of the how the new found government can talk about “…that all men are created equal,” when there is still those with chains around their ankles keeping them from their rights.

Even within his comparisons he compared the situation of suffering of the people to Job from the bible’s much endured suffering. With this quote from Job “put your souls in their souls instead,” he used an alliteration to say that to know how one feels to be that someone. As plain as simple it resembles the saying "Don't judge a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes,” and with this message Benjamin says they should get an understanding in know how to proceed in leading in the right direction. Another technique used very effectively I noticed was his long complex compound sentences that started with a statement and had ever fact and detail to back it up for the rest because this except really only contained five periodic sentences of support. With every ‘Sir’ to show respect then came a serious and almost commanding tone that laid facts on the table about the freedom from the crown reflecting the freedom from the owners.

Benjamin really had many details and examples from history relations and treatment that were taken toward his brethren’s verses what the framers and the people were fighting for. What I really like though with even with this history lesson filled with his emotions he never really rambled with “I suppose that your knowledge of the situation of my brethren is too extensive to need a recital here;” and yet getting his point across. While some have fought for their freedom and succeed others still struggle even though they’ve fought.

Overall you got what Benjamin was trying to say to Thomas Jefferson; that just as his men have gotten freedom and equality shouldn’t his brothers get this as well since they have fought for the same war and still are.